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In re Application of:)
YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to the Notice published in the Official Gazette dated August 5, 2003.

U.S. Patent 5,859,720
U.S. Patent 5,995,131
U.S. Patent 6,067,106
U.S. Patent 6,133,935
U.S. Patent 6,256,132
U.S. Patent 6,317,244
U.S. Patent 6,362,470
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0063910
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0163703
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0001944
Japan 5-333281
Japan 9-197308

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/774,125 filed January 31, 2001 by Yoshihiro Ishibe (Atty. Docket No. 03500.015080) which has been assigned in common with the present application. A copy of this co-pending application is also enclosed

It is Applicants' belief that Japanese priority applications for the above U.S. application may have been published before the filing date of the subject application, making the Japanese publications themselves available as prior art under at least § 102(a).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

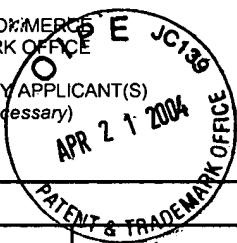


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,859,720	1/12/99	Ishibe	359	196	
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	6,067,106	5/23/00	Ishibe, et al	347	258	
	6,133,935	10/17/00	Fujibayashi, et al	347	258	
	6,256,132	7/3/01	Ishibe	359	204	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5-333281	12/17/93	Japan			Abstract
	9-197308	7/31/97	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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